

State of California — The Resources Agency	Primary #	
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION	HRI #	
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD		

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*NRHP Status Code 5

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 5215 S. Boyle Ave.

B1. Historic Name: 5215 S. Boyle Ave.

B2. Common Name: _____

B3. Original Use: Commercial

B4. Present Use: Same

*B5. Architectural Style: Art Deco

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

According to the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors database, and verbal information from the Executive Director of the City of Vernon Chamber of Commerce, the structure of record (the Administration Bldg. for the NI Industries, industrial complex), was constructed in 1940. One alteration of note occurred at an unspecified time in the recent past when the roots of the oak tree on the parcel, which was planted by the owner of NI Industries, Mr. Norris, upon completion of the building, grew through the floor of the Administrator's office. The office was reconfigured to save injury to the tree.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features: NI Industrial complex adjacent to (west of) the Administration building.

B9a. Architect: unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Industrial Development

Area: Vernon, California

Period of Significance: 1905-1955

Property Type: Commercial

Applicable Criteria: N/A

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The structure is located in the City of Vernon, the first "exclusively industrial" city in America. The building is industrial in style, in keeping with the character of the city as a whole. Research of available Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicates that this industrial complex has always been operated by the Norris family, and was originally known as the Norris-Thermador Corp., which specialized in metals stamping & metal goods mfg. Today, the complex is part of the NI Industries, Vernon Military Products Division.

The Administration building is an important element in the City of Vernon's architectural fabric as expressed in the Art Deco industrial/style. The integrity of the building in its setting as the focal point of the NI Industries complex is high.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6 (1-3 story commercial)

*B12. References:

McAlester and McAlester. 1997. Field Guide to American Houses. Alfred Knopf Publishers. New York, New York.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1920-1952, vol 15, pg 1585.

Dolores Petullo, Exec. Director, City of Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Personal Communication with Kelly Heidecker, June 20, 2002.

B13. Remarks:

None

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